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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: TECH, ENRG, MNUC, GW
SUBJECT: PROPOSED QUADRIPARTITE ENRICHMENT CLASSIFICATION MEETING

REF: A. STATE 114853 (NOTAL), B. BONN 09292 (NOTAL)

1. LOOSCH (MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY) HAS CONFIRMED FRG AGREEMENT TO HOLDING CONSULTATIONS ON SUBJECT OF ENRICHMENT CLASSIFICATION IN THE NEAR FUTURE. ORIGINAL DATES PROPOSED, HOWEVER, AS NOTED REFTEL B, WERE NOT POSSIBLE FOR FRG (E.G., JUNE 6 AND 7 DATES HAD BEEN RESERVED FOR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE IAEA IN VIENNA.). IN ORDER TO HAVE TIME TO PREPARE FOR SUBJECT MEETING ON ENRICHMENT CLASSIFICATION, FRG HAS PROPOSED WE SUGGEST A NEW DATE IN THE BEGINNING OF JULY; OTHERWISE VACATIONS HERE WILL PRO-

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BABLY CAUSE FURTHER POSTPONEMENT OF CONSULTATIONS UNTIL SOME TIME IN SEPTEMBER.

2. AS TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE QUESTIONS WHICH FRG FEELS COULD BE DISCUSSED, LOOSCH POINTED OUT (AS HE DID TO SIEVERING IN NOVEMBER 1976) RECENT GERMAN COURT DECISION DEFINING CRITERIA UNDER WHICH INFORMATION WILL

BE PROTECTED AS "CLASSIFIED" UNDER GERMAN LAW; GERMAN CRIMINAL CODE EXTENDS PROTECTION TO ALL INFORMATION -- INCLUDING INVENTIONS -- FOR WHICH IT CAN BE DEMONSTRATED THAT DATA/TECHNOLOGY ARE ACCESSIBLE TO ONLY A RESTRICTED NUMBER OF PERSONS AND THAT THIS INFORMATION BE KEPT SECRET FROM FOREIGN POWERS IN ORDER TO PREVENT GRAVE DANGER TO THE EXTERNAL SECURITY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

3. AS REGARDS POSSIBLE DISCUSSION OF NEW METHODS OF ISOTOPE SEPARATION, LOOSCH TOOK NOTE OF U.S. PROPOSAL FOR A TRIPARTITE MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.S., THE U.K., AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC; HE SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT IT MAY BE ADVISABLE TO INVITE REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES WORKING IN THIS FIELD, FOR EXAMPLE, FROM FRANCE AND JAPAN, TO MEETING AS WELL.

4. FOR DEPARTMENT: PLEASE ADVISE PREFERRED DATES FOR POSSIBLE JULY MEETING, DEPARTMENT COMMENTS RE PARA 3 ABOVE.
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